VICESIMO OCTAVO
Ianuarij, 1611. Nono Regni Regis IACOBI.

Present, *The Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Company of* Stationers.

FOrasmuch as this Company out of their zeale to the aduancement of *Learning*, and at the request of the Right worshipfull Sir THOMAS BODLEY Knight, Founder of the present publique *Librarie* of the *Vniuersitie* of *Oxeford*, being ready to manifest their willing desires to a worke of so great pietie, and benefit to the generall state of the Realme, did by their Indenture vnder their common *Seale*, dated the twelfth day of *December*, In *the eighth yeere of his Maiesties raigne of England, France and Ireland, and the foure and fourtieth yeere of his Raigne of Scotland*, For them, and their successors, graunt and confirme vnto the *Chauncellour*, *Masters*, and *Schollers* of the *Vniuersitie* of *Oxeford*, and to their successors for euer, That of all Bookes, after that, from time to time to be Printed, in the said Company of *Stationers*, being new Bookes and Copies neuer Printed before, or though formerly Printed, yet newly augmented or enlarged, there should be freely giuen one perfect Booke of euery such Booke (in *quiers*) of the first Impression thereof, towards the furnishing and increase of the said *Library*; NOW therefore to the intent the said *Grant* may take due effect in the orderly performance and execution thereof, And that so good and godly a worke and purpose may not be disappointed or defeated by any meanes, IT IS ordeined by this *Company*, That all and euery *Printer* and *Printers*, that from time to time hereafter, shal either for him, or themselues, or for any other, Print or cause to be Printed any new Booke or Copie neuer Printed before, or although formerly Printed, yet newly augmented or enlarged, shall within Tenne dayes next after the finishing of the first *Impression* thereof, and the putting of the same to *Sale*, bring and deliuer to the yonger *Warden* of the said *Company* of *Stationers* for the time being, one perfect Booke thereof, to be deliuered ouer by the same *Warden* to the recited vse, to the handes of such person or persons, as shall be appointed by the said *Chancellour*, *Masters* and *Schollers* for the time being, to receiue the same.

AND it is also ordeined, That euery *Printer*, that at any time or times hereafter shall make default in performance hereof, shall for euery such default forfeit and pay to the vse of this *Company*, treble the value of euery *Booke*, that he shall leaue vndeliuered, contrary to this *Ordinance*; Out of the which forfeiture, vpon the leuying and payment thereof, There shalbe prouided for the vse of the said *Library*, that *Booke*, for the not deliuery whereof, the said forfeiture shalbe had and payed.

AND to the intent all *Printers* and others of this *Company* whom it shall concerne, may take notice of this *Ordinance*, And that any of them shall not pretend ignorance thereof, IT IS ordeined, that once in euery yeere at some generall *Assembly* and meeting of the said *Company* vpon some of their vsuall *Quarter dayes*, or some other time in the yeere at their discretion, this present *Ordinance* shalbe publiquely read in their *Hall*, as other their *Ordinances* are accustomed to be read there.

John Norton, Master.

Richard Field, *Humfrey Lownes*, *Wardens.*

John Harison. *Robert Barker.* *Thomas Man.* *Thom. Dawson.*
Edward White. *Humfrey Hooper.* *Simon Waterson.* *William Leake.*
John Standish. *Thomas Adams.* *John Harison.*

Ri. Collins, Clerke of the Company.

HAuing lately beene intreated, as well by the said Sir THOMAS BODLEY Knight, as by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the foresaid Company of *Stationers*, to take some speciall notice of this their publike Act and Graunt, and (in regard of our being of his Maiesties high Commission in *Ecclesiasticall* causes) to testifie vnder our hands with what allowance and good liking, we haue thought it meete to be receiued: wee doe not onely as of merit commend it to posteritie, for a singular token of the feruent zeale of that Company to the furtherance of good Learning, and for an exemplarie Gift and Graunt to the Scholers and Students of the *Vniuersitie* of *Oxeford*: But withall, we doe promise by subscribing vnto it, That if at any time hereafter occasion shall require, that we should helpe to maintaine the due and perpetuall execution of the same, wee will be readie to performe it, as farre as either of our selues through our present authoritie, or by any whatsoeuer our further endeauors, it may be fitly procured.

G: Cant. *Io: London.* *R: Cou. & Lich.* *Fo: Roffens.* *John Benet.* *John Boys.* *George Montaigne.* *Thomas Ridley.* *Char: Fotherby.* *Robert Abbott.* *Tho: Edwards.* *Henry Hickman.* *G: Newman.* *Martin Fotherby.* *Iohn Dix.* *John Spenser.* *John Layfield.* *William Ferrand.* *Richard Moket.*